

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Fond du Lac County Health Department What do we do for you?

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Message from the Health Officer

Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors:

This annual report is the thirtieth that I have had the pleasure to present. As I look back I am amazed at how fast the time has gone and I can say with pride that the Health Department provides efficient and quality programs that promote and protect the health of all Fond du Lac County residents. This would not be possible except for the dedicated and professional staff that I have been able to work with over the years.

Novel H1N1 influenza virus was in the forefront during much of 2009. National experts had been predicting that the world was overdue for an influenza pandemic and in April 2009, the first cases, of this never before recognized influenza virus, were identified and began spreading through the Americas and subsequently across the world. The World Health Organization declared a world wide influenza pandemic on June 11, 2009, highlighting just how small our world really is. Fond du Lac County's first H1N1 cases were identified in May and a high school graduation ceremony was closed to the public due to concerns about disease spread. The Health Department worked with our health care partners, childcare, school and business communities to provide the most current up to date information to their employees and our residents. As soon as H1N1 vaccine was available the Health Department began providing vaccine, initially for targeted groups such as pregnant women, health care workers and school age children and eventually to everyone when vaccine supplies were adequate. No deaths from H1N1 were reported in Fond du Lac County, but several hospitalizations occurred due to the virus. Responding to this outbreak, where vaccine is crucial in preventing ongoing spread, identified a major weakness with vaccine production capacity at a national and world level. Hopefully the lessons learned from H1N1 will address this weakness.

In 2009 the Fond du Lac County Tobacco Coalition assisted with the implementation of the City of Fond du Lac Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance. The Board of Health along with the Tobacco Coalition has actively supported the passage of state legislation that bans smoking in all workplaces including restaurants and bars for many years. The state wide law was passed in 2009 and will take effect on July 5, 2010. The Health Department competed for and was awarded fiscal agent status for a multi-jurisdictional tobacco coalition grant and, as of January 1, 2010, will provide technical support on tobacco related issues to Green Lake, Marquette, Washington and Waushara Counties.

The staff and I would like to express our appreciation to Allen Buechel, County Executive, members of the Board of Health and to the County Board of Supervisors for your ongoing support. I would also like to recognize Sue Eggers, Personal Care Worker and Patricia Will, Home Health Aide who retired in 2009 for their years of service to Fond du Lac County.

Sincerely,
Diane Cappozzo,
Health Officer

10 Essential Services of Public Health

- ① Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community.
- ② Protect people from health problems and health hazards.
- ③ Give people information they need to make healthy choices.
- ④ Engage the community to identify and solve health problems.
- ⑤ Develop public health policies and plans.
- ⑥ Enforce public health laws and regulations.
- ⑦ Help people receive health services.
- ⑧ Maintain a competent public health workforce.
- ⑨ Evaluate and improve programs and interventions.
- ⑩ Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Health officials ready vaccine for swine flu

Fifth person in state has died after contracting disease

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While health officials scramble to ready a swine flu vaccine, a fifth person has died of the disease in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee Health Commissioner Bevan Baker said the victim was an adolescent with a common underlying medical condition who died last week at a health-care facility.

The Centers for Disease Control recently urged state and local governments to plan for a potential 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccination program.

In Fond du Lac County, health officials will be meeting with health-care providers and school administrators to refine the county's vaccination plan to

Health department recommends use of pneumococcal vaccine; reduces H1N1 complications

The health department recommends anyone age two and older who is at high risk for complications from influenza get vaccinated to prevent pneumococcal disease. Pneumococcal disease is the leading cause of vaccine preventable illness and death in the United

any of the following risk factors: lung disease (including asthma), diabetes, heart disease, alcoholism, chronic liver disease, current smoker, or anyone with reduced ability to fight infections. The vaccine provides protection against 23 types of pneumococcal



Diane Cappozzo

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SWINE FLU OUTBREAK



SWINE FLU Potential school closings discussed

3 cases of H1N1 confirmed in state

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School administrators throughout the county met in Fond du Lac to discuss how a swine flu outbreak could potentially close schools through the end of the school year and beyond.

"We totally understand that this would create upheaval in families and in their economic situations," Fond du Lac County Health Officer Diane Cappozzo told the group on Friday afternoon.

She also urged school administrators for nine area

FDL school health officers alert parents, give advice concerning outbreak of swine influenza

(The Fond du Lac School District sent letters home with students which contained the following information.)

To date, there are three probable cases of swine influenza that have occurred in Wisconsin. Health officials anticipate more cases.

Swine influenza A virus is a new virus that has not been identified previously in people, and viral person-to-person transmission is occurring. Swine flu is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through coughing or sneezing.

20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.

• Teach your children to cough and sneeze into the inside of their elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.

• Teach your children to stay at least six feet away from people who are sick. • Children who are sick should stay home from school and daycare and stay away from other people until they are better.

• In communities where H1N1 (swine flu) has occurred, stay away from shopping malls, movie theaters, and other places where large groups of people

Health Department at 9:3085. School nurses at building secretaries will closely monitoring absences at our school.

For additional information, call School Health and Safety Programs at 906548.

Under state law (Wisconsin Statute Chapt 252.02(3)), the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, through the state health officer or a local health officer, may close schools, and forbid public gatherings in school churches, and other places to control outbreaks. Parents should anticipate and plan for the possibility of a school closure.

Locally, 7 tested; all negative

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Agnesian HealthCare has tested seven persons for the H1N1 influenza A virus, better known as swine flu, through Thursday afternoon. "So far, all tests received back from the state have been negative," said Shelly Haberman, senior public relations associate with Agnesian HealthCare.

The individuals being evaluated had met testing criteria for the flu virus as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and



h-care staff has been fielding inquiries to handle cases. Some in with symptoms manager of business. Guidelines from the Prevention and

'Preparations evolving'

School, health officials discuss closing schools in FdL County

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have a contingency plan in place for child care in

Law enforcement: Business as usual

The Reporter Staff

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Additional H1N1 clinics scheduled

For The Reporter

The Fond du Lac County Health Department continues to recommend that all residents receive H1N1 vaccine and is offering additional H1N1 vaccine clinics.

The clinics are free and open to anyone interested in receiving vaccine. Children under 18 should be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

The Health Department has scheduled H1N1 vaccine clinics for:

■ Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., on a walk-in basis at the Health Department located on the third floor of the City County Government Center.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 27, 4 to 6 p.m., Ripon High School.

■ Saturday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Festival Foods.

■ Sunday, Jan. 31, noon to 2 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fond du Lac (Spanish interpreter available).

■ Friday, Feb. 5, 5 to 8 p.m., Forest Mall (common area in front of Sears) (Spanish interpreter available).

■ Friday, Feb. 5, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m., Waupun High School.

What does Fond du Lac County Health Department do for you and your community? Dozen of things, but most people don't realize how many vital services they receive from their local health department. The benefits have become such an integral part of the American standard of living that most people take them for granted.

Protecting, Educating and Providing

Public Health is the science of protecting and improving the health of communities through education, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and research for disease and injury prevention. Public Health focuses on improving the health of the general population (population-based) through broad-based interventions, as opposed to the health care system, which primarily focuses on the treatment of individuals. The population-based services provided by public health departments are a major contributor to the overall improvement of a community's health status.

**MISSION
Promote and protect the health of all Fond du Lac County residents through assessment, advocacy, education, leadership and the provision of accessible services**

Protects the community from health threats, the everyday and the exceptional

Fond du Lac County Health Department guards multiple fronts to defend you and our community from any health threat, regardless of the source, and work to prevent disease outbreaks. The Health Department's Environmental Health Specialists ensure the tap water that everyone drinks; the restaurant food everyone eats and the air everyone breathes are all safe. Public Health Staff are ready to respond to health emergencies - be it bioterrorism, lead, SARS, West Nile Virus, H1N1 or an environmental hazard.



Educates you and your neighbors about health issues

Fond du Lac County Health Department provides information that allows people to make healthy decisions every day, like exercising more, eating right, quitting smoking or simply washing their hands to keep from spreading illness. Public Health staff provides this information through public forums in our community,

public service announcements in the media, programs in schools, health education in homes and clinics, and websites. During a public health emergency, Fond du Lac County Health Department provides important alerts and warnings to protect your health and our community's health.

Provides healthy solutions for everyone



Fond du Lac County Health Department offers the preventive care needed to avoid chronic disease and to help maintain health. Public Health Nursing provides flu shots for the elderly and

others, and helps mothers obtain prenatal care that gives their babies a healthy start. Fond du Lac County Health Department also helps provide children with immunizations, Health Check and good nutrition through WIC to help them grow and learn.

Advances community health

Fond du Lac County Health Department and its governing board, the Board of Health, plays a vital role in developing new policies and implementing evidence-based practices that address existing and emerging challenges to your community's health while enforcing a range of laws intended to keep everyone safe. The Health Department is constantly working to maintain its unique expertise and deliver up-to-date, cutting-edge health programs while evaluating program effectiveness. These efforts can not be done alone, but through community partnerships focusing on health priorities identified in the community.

Our 2009 Programs and Services:

Fond du Lac Area Council for Health

Communities is a coalition of community members, including the Health Department, that are working together to enhance the health and well-being of Fond du Lac County residents. Health is an individual responsibility, but a community approach is also needed to effectively enhance, protect and promote the public's health. The Council, in 2008, identified the following health priority areas:

- Dental care access for children and adults with Medicaid
- Alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse-binge drinking, abuse of prescription drugs
- Mental health-local access for children and adolescents
- Overweight/obesity

Disease Control and Prevention

Wisconsin state law requires the reporting of over 150 communicable diseases to local public health agencies by healthcare providers, hospitals and labs. In 2009 the Health Department was trained and began receiving reports through the new Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System, WEDSS. This allows for prompt investigation of possible outbreaks and to implement control measures as early as possible to minimize further transmission of disease to others. 707 communicable diseases were reported in 2009.

<u>Diseases in 2009</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Total Cases Reported	510	525	707
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):			
Chlamydia	186	252	232
Gonorrhea	36	53	40
Food /Water Borne Illness			
Campylobacter	25	49	33
Cryptosporidium	25	30	24
E. Coli	7	3	1
Giardia	11	9	5
Salmonella	21	21	19
Shigellosis	35	15	3
Vaccine Preventable			
2009 H1N1	0	0	267
Mumps	6	1	0
Hepatitis A	1	1	1
Hepatitis B	3	7	3
Hepatitis C (not vaccine preventable)	40	26	18
Tuberculosis			
Latent	18	8	21
Active Disease	0	0	1

Public Health Preparedness

Fond du Lac County is prepared to respond to emergencies with a detailed plan of action and a system of communication with community responders. This response includes **detecting** disease outbreaks; **investigating** to determine what the risks are to the public and who may have been exposed; **informing** the public and professionals of the specific disease threats and how to protect themselves and others; **managing** infected persons; **isolating or quarantining** affected individuals as appropriate; **providing medications or vaccinations** to people at risk in the population. The emergence of 2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza tested the Health Department's Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP).

Highlights include:

Pre-event:

- Convening Fond du Lac County Administrative Review Committee in preparation of cases occurring in Fond du Lac County.
- Monitoring influenza like illness incidence through collaboration with health care partners, child cares, schools, and businesses.
- Updating local health care providers on guidelines for testing, treatment and isolation of suspected cases, and infection control guidelines.
- Providing public information regarding how residents could protect themselves from 2009 H1N1 influenza, through press releases, radio and community presentations.

Pandemic Response (after first cases were reported):

- Public information was made available through presentations to groups, talk radio, print media, flyers, 211, and the Fond du Lac County web site.
- Regular updates provided to local health care partners as guidelines for testing, treatment, and isolation of suspect and confirmed cases were revised.
- Periodic updates provided to schools, businesses, child care and long term care agencies which reinforced prevention messages and isolation recommendations
- Priority groups within the target groups were developed due to limited availability of H1N1 vaccine; facilitated vaccine distribution to healthcare partners who were unable to obtain vaccine for their vulnerable populations.

- Onsite clinics administered at childcares and schools who wished to participate.
- As vaccine supply increased clinics expanded to many sites throughout the county.

Outcome:

- Fond du Lac County experienced varying levels of H1N1 disease from May of 2009 with the highest level of illness occurring from September through November.
- No deaths associated with H1N1 were reported in Fond du Lac County.
- Over 14,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine were administered by the Health Department with over 19,000 administered through March 2010.

Other Preparedness Activities that occurred during 2009:

- Participated in the development of an Infection Control and Emergency Preparedness Toolkit for Faith Communities.
- Completed Special Needs Shelter Plan and Go Kits.
- Completed core competency and training assessments for all Health Department staff.
- Provided trainings and presentations on subjects such as Infection Control, Fit Testing, Blood Borne Pathogens, Biological Agents and Special Needs Sheltering.
- Coordinated a full scale exercise on Mass Clinic-Strategic National Stockpile/Volunteer Processing Center/Bus Loading Triage.
- Participated in the following exercises: Flood Review-Table Top; Pandemic Planning Table Top-MPTC; Closed Point of Distribution (POD) Mass Clinic-Full Scale; Continuity of Operations (COOP)-Full Scale.

During 2009 the Department of Health Services made a decision to fund only one regional preparedness consortia per public health region. As of January 1, 2010 the Quad Counties Public Health Preparedness Consortium was dissolved. Fond du Lac County Health Department now is a member of NEW (Northeast Wisconsin) Public Health Preparedness Consortium, with Brown County Health Department being the fiscal agent.

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

- Benjamin Franklin

Immunizations for Children and Adults

Immunization is one of the most important public health victories of the 20th century – defeating or sharply reducing disease such as smallpox, polio, measles, diphtheria, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough) and other diseases. However, many organisms that cause these diseases have not been eliminated, and they could reemerge if vaccination levels drop.

In 2009, Fond du Lac County gave a total of 25,870 immunizations to 19,352 children and adults.

The Health Department provides all recommended childhood vaccines at no cost. In addition, we offer many of the recommended adult vaccines.



Mother, Child and Family

Infant mortality is an important measure of a community's health. Our prenatal and postnatal programs aim to help families support their children's healthy growth and development. Research indicates that families participating in these programs have healthier babies, improved their parenting skills, developed positive community relationships, children have less behavior problems, and there is a reduction in tobacco exposure and alcohol use.

Prenatal and Postnatal Care



Fond du Lac County provides an informal parent and baby home visit from a public health nurse to assist families after the birth of their baby whether it is their first baby or they already have children. Mothers receive support and education, baby weight checks, health teaching on parenting and child development and referrals to community services. Our nurses visited 1,233 families in 2009..

Fond du Lac County provides access to medical, social, educational and other services to pregnant women who are considered high risk for adverse pregnancy outcome through our Prenatal Care Coordination Program. The components of this program are

2009 MCH Goal - 90% of babies born to non-MA eligible women receiving Prenatal Care Coordination will weigh greater than 5.5% pounds. 2009 Fond du Lac statistic is 93.99

outreach, physical and emotional assessments, care plan development, ongoing care coordination and monitoring, along with health education and nutrition counseling. A total of 118 women were provided Prenatal Care Coordination services.

Family Foundations

Family Foundations is a home visitation program for first time mothers whose child is 0-3 and also are eligible for Medicaid. The program goals are to provide information and referrals which link families to appropriate and accessible community resources; to increase parental knowledge about child growth and development and child management techniques; to build family support and cohesion; to enhance parent-child relationships; to promote healthy lifestyles; to support families in their care giving and decision making roles. In 2009, 33 children and their parents were enrolled in Family Foundations receiving 971 home visits.

WIC



WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. WIC helps income eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants and children up to five years of age who are at health risk due to inadequate nutrition. The program improves pregnancy outcomes by providing or referring to support services necessary

for full-term pregnancies; reduces infant mortality by reducing the incidence of low birth weight (infants under 5 ½ pounds are at greater risk of breathing problems, brain injuries and physical abnormalities) and provides infants and children with a healthy start in life by improving poor or inadequate diets while saving long-term medical costs. Fond du Lac County had 3,347 WIC clients in 2009 averaging 2,025 participants per month. Fond Lac County WIC vouchers worth \$1,248,581 were redeemed during 2009.

Human Health Hazards

To protect the health of the citizens of Fond du Lac County, the Health Department in collaboration with Code Enforcement investigates human health hazard complaints. If a human health hazard is found the Health Department, Code Enforcement and Corporation Counsel work with the owner to ensure safe removal (abatement) of the hazard. Mold was the most frequent human health hazard complaint investigated. Sixty-nine human health hazard complaints were investigated in 2009 with 33 abatement orders issued.

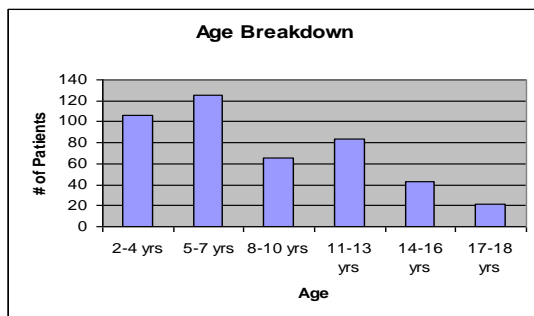
Oral Health

Oral health is essential to the health and well-being of all Wisconsin residents. Virtually everyone will have some sort of dental problem during his or her life, but regular dental care can prevent minor problems from becoming major ones. In children, the immediate consequences of poor oral health can result in psychological and social stressors, self-esteem, difficulty eating, swallowing, and speech. Dental care access for children and adults covered by Medicaid is and has been a major concern in Fond du Lac County as well as across the State of WI and the nation. The Save a Smile Program, a unique public/private partnership, was started in 2007 to increase dental care access for children with Medicaid.





Participating Fond du Lac County Dentists: 38
 Number of Children Enrolled: 640
 Number of office visits: 950+
 Waiting list: 250+ families



85 % - major work required (est.)

15% - minor work required (est.)

“**Major**” = more than 3 areas of decay, multiple extractions, pulpotomys, stainless steel crowns, general anesthesia, surgical visits at hospitals.

75+ - children referred to out of county pediadontists due to extensive dental needs.

184 children participated in a fluoride varnish program that was initiated this year in collaboration with Head Start.

696 students participated in a weekly fluoride mouthrinse program and 19 children also received dental sealants in 2009.

Water Quality



Safe, clean water is one of the most important substances in our lives - for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning. Municipal water systems test their water regularly to ensure it is safe, but it's up to private well owners to test their well water annually and properly maintain their well. The Health Department operates a State Certified Safe Drinking Water

Lab for bacteria analysis and offers nitrate testing. The Health Department analyzed 408 water samples with 26% (107) being unsafe (coliform positive). In addition, 3% (13) tested positive for E. coli bacteria which

indicates the presence of human or animal fecal contamination.

Through a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 151 transient non-community water supplies were tested for bacteria and nitrate, 35 of these wells were also surveyed ensuring safe water to the public.

Even though the work of the Groundwater Quality Advisory Council was completed in 2008, progress on their recommendations continues – they include:

- Encourage routine private well sampling while developing a database to organize well testing information.
- Establish a Groundwater Specialist Position for Fond du Lac County to centralize information and provide assistance.
- Provide ongoing public education on protecting and improving water quality.

A County Well Abandonment Ordinance was adopted in 2009 that requires owners to properly abandon unused wells. The intent of this ordinance is to protect water quality in Fond du Lac County by eliminating a potential contamination source.

A well water testing program was offered to residents of the Towns of Ashford and Auburn through a collaborative program with UW Stevens Point and UW Fond du Lac Extension. The program provides well owners an opportunity to check well water quality at a reduced price and also to receive educational information.

Food Safety Program



Our environmental health staff works with retail food stores, restaurants, hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, public swimming pools including water park attractions, campgrounds, and tattoo and body

piercing establishments to educate employers and employees about the importance of safe, sanitary establishments operated by knowledgeable staff. In 2009, 774 routine inspections were conducted, 126 consultations were provided; 20 complaints were investigated and 4 enforcement actions were taken.

Educating establishment staff and consumers about safe food practices, proper temperatures for food cooking, serving and storage, along with safe lodging and recreation benefits those who live, work and visit Fond du Lac County.

East Central Radon Information Center

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking and is responsible for several thousand preventable lung cancer deaths each year. There is no way to know if a home has elevated concentrations of radon except by conducting a radon test.

The Health Department and UW Extension provides information on the importance of radon testing, provides radon test kits and how to properly conduct radon testing along with technical advice on radon mitigation to Outagamie, Sheboygan, Winnebago and Fond du Lac County.

Childhood Lead Testing



There is no safe level of lead in the human body; even very low levels of lead exposure can cause permanent brain damage and negatively affect health throughout the child's life, especially those between 6 months and 6 years of age. Many lead hazards still exist in homes and the environment, including paint, vinyl mini-blinds, chalk, candlewicks and others. These hazards are commonly present during painting and remodeling of pre-1978 housing.

2009 Fond du Lac County Blood Lead Testing

Total Number of Tests	487
Tests>15-19 ug/dl	3
Tests>20+	2
Home Investigation Inspections	1

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines lead poisoning in children as a blood lead level of 10 or greater. In Fond du Lac County a child with a lead level of 15 or greater is provided with follow-up and consultation by a Public Health Nurse. Follow-up may include phone calls, home visits, consultation with the primary health care provider and a home lead risk assessment by Code Enforcement's Environmental Health Specialist. The ultimate goal is to prevent childhood lead poisoning by reducing and eliminating environmental lead exposure.

Tobacco Control and Prevention

Tobacco is the single leading preventable cause of death in the United States killing over 400,000 people each year. Tobacco claims more lives than drugs, alcohol, firearms and motor vehicle accidents combined. In Fond du Lac County, approximately 133 die annually of illnesses directly related to smoking. Cigarette smoking causes 77% of all lung cancer deaths and of all deaths from cardiovascular disease in Fond du Lac. In 2009, an estimated \$2.8 billion in health care costs were paid in Wisconsin as a result of diseases caused by smoking, with \$49.3 million paid in Fond du Lac County; approximately \$498 for every man, woman and child in Fond du Lac County.

The good news is that tobacco prevention programs work by taking a comprehensive and evidence-

based approach to prevention through environmental policies and strategies. Funded by a state grant, the Fond du Lac County Tobacco Control Coalition is a group of community organizations and county residents with the mission to:

- Support and promote tobacco-free policies which include reducing everyone's exposure to secondhand smoke in homes, workplaces, and other public settings.
- Decrease tobacco industry access to youth, which includes monitoring of illegal sales to minors and marketing that targets youth.
- Reduce disparities of smoking rates, and promoting cessation among adults and youth.

2009 Fond du Lac County Tobacco Use (percentage)		
	WI	Fdl Co
Youth	20.7	20.7
Adult	19.5	21.6
Pregnant Women	14.9	15.8
Source: Burden of Tobacco(March 10)		

Compliance Checks

Fond du Lac, Ripon, North Fond du Lac, Waupun and Campbellsport collaborate with the Health Department on tobacco retailer compliance checks. There were 70 compliance checks completed in 2009 that resulted in 10 sales of tobacco to minors, 6 received citations.

Clean Indoor Air Initiatives

The Fond du Lac County Health Department was the lead agency responsible for community education after the passage of a comprehensive City of Fond du Lac smoke-free workplace ordinance that went into effect on February 2, 2009. The Health Department collaborated with Fond du Lac Area Business on Health, City of Fond du Lac Police Dept., the local Human Resource Association and UW CITRI developed and sponsored a Smoke-Free Workplace training held on January 8, 2009. Sixty-five individuals from various workplaces attended and received a smoke-free workplace toolkit that included needed signage, frequently asked questions about the City of Fond du Lac smoke-free workplace ordinance and quit tobacco information.

Statewide Initiatives

Fond du Lac County Tobacco Control Coalition, community members, and the Fond du Lac County Board of Health Chair educated state legislators on the need to protect all Wisconsin residents from the danger of secondhand smoke in all workplaces, supporting an increase in the tobacco tax, and the importance of program sustainability. Over 35 coalition members took action by writing letters or submitting written testimony to state legislators addressing the above issues.

Special Recognition

The Fond du Lac County Tobacco Control Coalition received the Community Service Award from the Wisconsin Cancer Council for exemplary leadership and commitment to cancer control in Wisconsin.

Youth Activities

Thirty-five Fond du Lac FACT "Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco" members attended and presented at the 2009 Annual Tobacco Control Legislative Breakfast. Three middle school and one high school group participated in "Kick Butts Day" as well as the Great American Smoke-Out holding trivia contests educating peers and adults on the tobacco industry, smoke-free WI and tobacco use in movies.

Jail Health

Fond du Lac County Jail Health Services provides health care to regular status inmates incarcerated in the Fond du Lac County Jail. 12,007 nurse contacts were made with inmates in 2009 with 3,573 being for mental health concerns. Fond du Lac County Jail Health Service is accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Public Health Nursing Services to Schools

The health, well being and safety of children in the school district are a top priority for the Health Department. Fond du Lac County public health nurses, along with school nurses play a crucial role in a child's health care needs at school, home and in the community. Healthy children are successful learners. The Health Department provides public health nursing services for 18,310 students in 49 public and private schools. In collaboration with our schools, school based immunizations clinics were conducted in the spring of 2009 to enhance compliance with the new requirements of the State of Wisconsin Immunization law.



Public Health Nursing Visits

Fond du Lac County residents received health teaching, health supervision of a medical condition and referrals to other community support services. 1,542 Public Health Nursing visits were provided in 2009.

The Health Department accepts referrals from healthcare providers, support agencies, families and individuals.

Home Health

Home health care provides treatment in the home for an illness or injury. Fond du Lac County operates a Medicare/Medicaid certified agency offering skilled Registered Nurse, Home Health Aide, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy in the home on a part time intermittent basis. Our goal is for patients to regain their independence through rehabilitative services, or in the case of long-term health problems to maintain their existing level of functioning and help them learn to cope with their illness or disability. 116 Fond du Lac County residents received home health care services.

Performance outcomes are monitored regularly and we meet or exceed the national percentile in discharging our patients without readmission to a hospital or the need for urgent and emergent care.



Joe and Katie Guelig with
Jean Weston, Home Health RN

Loan Closet

Many times supportive durable medical equipment is recommended for the individual's safety. 73 Fond du Lac County residents were able to loan durable medical equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, and bath benches on a temporary basis at no cost.

Personal Care

Fond du Lac County operates the only Medicaid certified personal care agency in Fond du Lac County providing assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, transferring, toileting, meal preparation and laundry. 2,930 personal care worker hours to 20 patients were provided in 2009. Our goal is to maintain individuals in their own home, where they want to be, and prevent premature placement in more restrictive environments such as a CBRF or nursing home. Though the financial support of the Visiting Nurses Board, Senior Services and patient donations 37 elderly and disabled were able to receive assistance with a weekly bath, allowing them to be safer in their own home.

Foot Care Clinics

As we age or due to a disability some people are unable to safely clip their toenails and have no one to help them. To promote good foot health, foot care clinics are offered in collaboration with our City and County Senior Centers at a reasonable cost. 815 residents received foot care services in 2009.



Joan Kedrowski receiving foot care
from Mary Montag, RN

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*Jean Weston, RN

Home Health Aides

*Vicki Giebel

*Doug Guse

*Kathy Hamilton

*Julie Schmidt

*Pat Will (retired 12-2009)

*Sally Quackenboss

Personal Care Workers

Sue Eggers (retired 9-2009)

*Vivian Gordon

*Kaye Stahmann

*Bonnie VandeZande

Support Staff

Thelma Geidel

Carrie Kastein

Peggy Kuhn

Jackie McLean

Bonnie Ponto

Karen Stewart



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2009 Revenue and Expenditures

Health Department

Revenues	\$1,062,056
Expenditures	\$2,070,690
County Share	\$1,008,625

Home Health

Revenues	\$676,225
Expenditures	\$833,310
County Share	\$157,085

Inspection

Revenues	\$240,311
Expenditures	\$214,427
Carry over to 2010 budget	\$ 25,884

Personal Care

Revenues	\$ 89,687
Expenditures	\$150,025
County Share	\$ 60,338

Tobacco Control

Revenues	\$72,866
Expenditures	\$59,871
Carry over to 2010 budget	\$12,995

WIC

Revenues	\$399,071
Expenditures	\$368,548
Carry over to 2010 budget	\$30,522

Quad Counties Consortium

Revenues	\$102,484
Expenditures	\$102,108

Other 2009 Public Health Statistics

	# Clients
Kindergarten Assessments	155
Health Checks	43
Flu Immunizations	6,587
H1N1 Immunizations	14,680
Wolf Lake Beach Testing	7
Tb Skin Tests	1,146
Blood Pressure Screening	358
School Visits	388
Jail Health Visits	12,007
HIV Testing	126
Radon Test Kits Sold	196
Dental Sealant Program	16
Agent Inspections	774
Well Water Samples Tested	543
Public Health Nurse Home Visits	1,542
Home Health Therapy Visits	643
Home Health RN Visits	3,096
Home Health Aide Visits	2,757
Personal Care Worker Hours	4,758



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